

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Congo

a. Tshombé, last night, talked his way out of house arrest in Elisabethville, by promising to accompany the UN unit bound for Sakania, 135 miles southeast of Elisabethville.

b. The move, already planned by the UN, is now underway, with Tshombé, convoyed by newsmen, at the head of the UN column, stopping every few miles to tell gendarmerie he encounters not to resist the Ethiopians behind him.

c. The UN's purpose is to secure and reopen the rail line along this route to Rhodesia.

d. Despite Tshombé's move with the UN toward Sakania (he said yesterday he intended to go there anyway to lead refugees back), he has not given the UN assurances of free, unimpeded movement elsewhere, and he has exhausted UN patience by talking out of both corners of his mouth.

e. UN officials, not sure he could or would live up to such assurances anyway, may no longer try to get them from him, preferring to keep him virtual prisoner, if they can, lest he try to engineer a climb back to power.

f. He may see the present move as the only way to escape.

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g. At latest report, Tshombé has outrun the Ethiopian column [redacted]

[redacted] He has reached the Rhodesian border and gone into conference with fugitive leaders of the Katangan government.

h. The UN, while still unready to move in force, has nonetheless announced it is resuming a cautious advance toward Kolwezi. We understand this is to take the form of probing action by UN patrols which have been instructed not to engage an enemy force if one is encountered. There has already been one skirmish, but the gendarmerie, not the UN, retreated.

i. The UN obviously suspects, we think with some reason, that reports of mercenary and gendarmerie strength in Kolwezi are a fraud.

j. [redacted]

[redacted] virtually all Katangan mercenaries, including all pilots, have departed for Rhodesia. It seems they are not getting paid.

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m. The Bank of Katanga vaults are reported to have been plundered and no one seems to know where the contents are; this is complicating financial talks in Leopoldville.

n. After an on-the-spot look at the carnage in South Kasai, Congo army General Lundula returned to Leopoldville estimating the dead in the thousands after three days of inter-tribal, inter-provincial warfare.

2. Cuba

a. Castro continues his efforts to appear neutral in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

b. A minor Havana paper on Tuesday gave full spread to the Pravda editorial on bloc unity. Earlier, a more important paper had published a major Chinese statement in the dispute.

c. Castro, last week, publicly deplored the split in the Bloc. In the present stage of the dispute, however, we are sure Moscow views even a neutral stand as tantamount to support for the Chinese.

d. A Soviet ship, which arrived in Cuba about 8 January, may have delivered a transport aircraft such as an LI-2 or an IL-14.

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e. There are a number of rumors that Foreign Minister Roa is about to be replaced.

3. Jordan, Yemen,
Saudi Arabia

a. King Husayn is afraid Saudi Arabia may get overcommitted in responding to UAR attacks, and in a talk with Ambassador Macomber on Monday displayed a noticeable cooling toward his own commitment to the Yemeni royalists.

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4. India

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the first batch of MIG-21s said to be on their way to India.

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b. A press report out of New Delhi quoting "reliable sources" as saying the aircraft would arrive by ship in Bombay today is apparently false. [REDACTED]

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c. A Soviet arms carrier is now in the Arabian Sea supposedly bound for Indonesia [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It has crates aboard, but they are the wrong size for MIG-21s.

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5. Italy

a. Initial reaction of Italian leaders to the idea of withdrawing the Jupiters is that it would present political problems if done as early as April. They fear the left, which has been harping on getting rid of these missiles, would make hay in the Parliamentary elections later this spring.

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6. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. There are a number of signs that Khrushchev's decision--announced Saturday--to attend the East German Party Congress next week was taken hastily.

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b. The decision is clearly part of a larger scheme. Pravda's major pronouncement of Monday has been given the fullest play by the propaganda machine. East European media began putting it out in full text so quickly that they must have had advance copies.

c. Khrushchev yesterday suddenly left Moscow for Warsaw to talk to Gomulka, whom he had last seen only 12 days before. He will go on from there to Berlin, where he is expected on Saturday.

7. United Kingdom

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NOTES

- A. Sino-Indian Border India's Chargé in Peiping arrived in New Delhi today with a [] message for Nehru from Chou En-lai. Talks begin tomorrow between Nehru and Mme. Bandaranaike.
- B. Laos Souphannouvong has issued another statement declaring our airlift to the Meo illegal unless our planes are turned over to the government. One of our cargo planes crashed on takeoff from Vientiane yesterday.
- C. Ecuador Strikes in Ecuador's interior, generated by provincial government employees whose pay is long overdue, have disrupted communications and led to violence. In the overcharged political atmosphere, a showdown in the capital may at long last be precipitated.
- D. CEMA Conference Preparation for a major CEMA conference, with Soviet bloc party and government leaders attending, are underway. It will be held late this month or early next month. The Yugoslavs believe this was the subject of last month's talk between Khrushchev and Gomulka and they may currently be considering the matter further. Bloc economic integration (i.e., specialization) and support for the East German economy are said to be high on the agenda.

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